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Listing of Claims:

(Previously presented) A gaming method, comprising:

receiving funds from a player for use on a gaming device;

converting the funds received from the player into credits, wherein each credit has a value less than a smallest denomination for standard currency;

displaying the credits on the gaming device to the player,

receiving a player's wager, wherein the player wager comprises one or more credits, and the player's wager does not have a total value equal to standard currency denominations; and presenting a game of chance to the player in exchange for the player's wager.

2-9. (Canceled)

- (Previously presented) The gaming method of claim 9, wherein the credits are expressed as decimals.
- 11. (Previously presented) The gaming method of claim 9, wherein the credits are expressed as fractions

12-14. (Canceled)

- (Previously presented) The gaming method of claim 1, further comprising setting a maximum credit value.
- (Previously presented) The gaming method of claim 1, further comprising setting a minimum credit value.
- (Previously presented) The gaming method of claim 1, further comprising setting an
 incremental rate by which the player can increase or decrease the credit value.

18-19. (Canceled)

(Previously presented) A gaming method, comprising:
 receiving funds from the player for use on a gaming device;

receiving player input selecting a credit value that is less than a smallest denomination for

determining a number of credits available for wagering based upon both the funds received from the player and the credit value selected by the player;

displaying the credits on the gaming device to the player;

receiving a player's wager, wherein the player's wager comprises one or more credits, and the player's wager does not have a total value equal to standard currency denominations; and presenting a game of chance to the player in exchange for the player's wager.

21-22. (Canceled)

standard currency;

- (Previously presented) The gaming method of claim 20, further comprising setting a
 maximum credit value.
- (Previously presented) The gaming method of claim 20, further comprising setting a minimum credit value.

25-28. (Canceled)

(Previously presented) The gaming method of claim 20, further comprising scaling a
pay table according to the credit value selected by the player.

30-32. (Canceled)

(Previously presented) A gaming device, comprising:
 a game display adapted to present a game of chance to a player,
 a player input device for playing the game;

a value acceptor configured to accept a voucher having a value from the player, a controller in communication with the value acceptor, the controller configured to

determine a number of credits available for play by dividing the value of the voucher by a credit value, the credit value being less than a smallest denomination for standard currency, and wherein the controller is configured to allow the player to play a game with a wager comprising

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one or more credits, and the wager does not have a total value equivalent to standard currency denominations; and

a display for presenting the number of available credits.

34-35. (Canceled)

- (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 33, wherein the controller is configured to allow a game operator to set a maximum and minimum credit value.
- 37-38. (Canceled)
- (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 33, further comprising a voucher printer.
- 40. (Canceled)
- 41. (Previously presented) A gaming device, comprising:
 - a game display configured to present a player with a game of chance;
 - a value acceptor configured to accept funds via a voucher,
- an input device configured to allow a player to select a credit value; the credit value being less than a smallest denomination for standard currency;
- a controller configured to store the credit value selected by the player; and accepting a wager for the game of chance, wherein the wager comprises one or more credits, and the wager does not have a total value equal to standard currency denominations.
- 42. (Canceled)
- (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 41, wherein the controller is configured to allow an operator to set a maximum and minimum credit value.
- 44-45. (Canceled)
- (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 41, further comprising a display configured to display a number of full and partial credits available for play to the player.

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47 (Canceled)

 (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 33, wherein the standard currency denomination is a coin selected from the group consisting of \$0.01, \$0.05, \$0.10, \$0.25, and \$1.00.

- (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the smallest denomination for standard currency is \$0.01.
- (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the standard currency denominations are \$0.01, \$0.05, \$0.10, \$0.25, or \$1.00.
- (Previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the smallest denomination for standard currency is \$0.01.
- (Previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the standard currency denominations are \$0.01, \$0.05, \$0.10, \$0.25, or \$1.00.
- (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 33, wherein the smallest denomination for standard currency is \$0.01.
- (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 33, wherein the standard currency denominations are \$0.01, \$0.05, \$0.10, \$0.25, or \$1.00.
- (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 41, wherein the smallest denomination for standard currency is \$0.01.
- (Previously presented) The gaming device of claim 41, wherein the standard currency denominations are \$0.01, \$0.05, \$0.10, \$0.25, or \$1.00.